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DEPARTMENT FOR EUR/RPE
OTTAWA AND LONDON FOR STATE/TREASURY TEAM ON IFIS

E.O.11652: GDS
TAGS: EAID, SHUM, PORG, EGEN
SUBJECT: HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE IFIS: MULTILATERALIZING
OUR EFFORT

REF: (A) STATE 15725, (B) 77 BRUSSELS 19372,
(C) 77 BRUSSELS 17470

1. MISSION NOTES FROM REF A THAT JOINT STATE/TREASURY
TEAM PROPOSES TO VISIT, INTER ALIA, FOUR EC MEMBER
STATES BEGINNING JANUARY 30 TO EXPLAIN U.S. HUMAN RIGHTS
POLICY OBJECTIVES AND ENGAGE IN DIALOGUE ON POSSIBLE
AVENUES OF COOPERATION WITHIN THE IFIS. WE WELCOME
THIS INITIATIVE AND SUGGEST THAT GIVEN BOTH TIMELINES
OF HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE IN EC PLANNING FOR NEGOTIATIONS
ON LOME CONVENTION RENEWAL (REF B), AND REPEATED
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EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST BY EC COMMISSION OFFICIALS
REGARDING CONSULTATIONS WITH USG ON THIS SUBJECT, IT
WOULD BE HELPFUL IF ONE OR MORE MEMBERS OF STATE/
TREASURY TEAM COULD INCLUDE IN THEIR SCHEDULE A VISIT
TO BRUSSELS TO DISCUSS HUMAN RIGHTS WITH EC COMMISSION
OFFICIALS.

2. IN ADDITION TO HIGH-LEVEL COMMISSION EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST IN HOW U.S. VIEWS HUMAN RIGHTS PROBLEM (E.G., COMMISSION VICE PRESIDENT HAFERKAMP TO SECRETARY VANCE LAST NOVEMBER, REF C) MISSION RECEIVES FREQUENT REQUESTS FROM WORKING LEVEL COMMISSION OFFICIALS IN DG-I (EXTERNAL RELATIONS) AND DG-VIII (DEVELOPMENT) FOR PRECISE READING ON U.S. HUMAN RIGHTS POLICY, PARTICULARLY AS IT AFFECTS ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES IN IFIS. IN OUR VIEW, THESE OFFICIALS--SOME OF WHOM REPRESENT THE COMMUNITY IN MULTILATERAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE BODIES--MIGHT BE ABLE TO SUGGEST WAYS TO ATTRACT SUPPORT FOR OUR POLICIES FROM OTHER DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: AN INDICATION OF WHETHER ONE OR MORE OF STATE/TREASURY TEAM MIGHT BE ABLE TO VISIT BRUSSELS. HINTON

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